(c) the objectives for setting up of this fund; and

(d) the amount earmarked under this fund at present?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK) is being created to receive the proceeds of the Education Cess which has been levied "to fulfil the commitment of the Government to provide and finance universalized quality basic education", through, *inter alia,* the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. Details in regard to the Kosh are being worked out. Estimated receipts from the Cess in 2004-05(RE) and 2005-06(BE) are Rs. 5010 crores and Rs. 6975 crores respectively.

Distribution of aids and appliances to disabled

*624. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for shortfall of about 69 per cent in achieving the target set for distribution of aids/appliances by the National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research;

(b) the measures taken by Government to achieve the target;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are no arrangements for post fitment care of beneficiaries to whom aids and appliances were distributed; and

(d) the details of the programmes launched to promote economic development activities and self-employment ventures for the disabled and the achievements made therein?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (NIRTAR) was given Rs. 365 lakh for distribution of aids and appliances as per the provisions of ADIP Scheme during 2004-05. Rs. 364.89 lakh were utilized by them. Hence, there was no shortfall in the utilization of funds.

(c) At the time of fitting/distribution, care is taken to explain the use of aids and appliances. Further the Institutes carry out repairs and/or replacement as per the terms of the Scheme.

(d) Self employment and economic development of persons with disabilities are being promoted through Vocational Training Centres set up

under Deen Dayal Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS). Loans are given under Schemes of National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC). The details of achievements for the year 2004-05 are as under:

Name of Scheme	Persons benefited
VTCs under DDRS runs by 196 NGOs	17,043
General Loan Scheme of concessional rate of interest under NHFDC	3,282
Vocational Training/ Counselling by SVNIRTAR	1,186

Academic staff colleges

†*625. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of universities where Academic Staff Colleges are being run;

(b) the number of universities where such colleges have been established by Government during the last five years; and

(c) the number of universities where Government plan to open such colleges during 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), 50 universities and one other Institution have Academic Staff Colleges. During the last five years the UGC has established six Academic Staff Colleges. The Commission is considering the proposal for the establishment of an Academic Staff College at Jammu University, Jammu (J&K) during 2005-06.

Swimming pools in Kendriya Vidyalayas

*628. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 14 year old student recently drowned in the swimming pool at the Kendriya Vidyalaya at Andrews Ganj, New Delhi;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.